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EBONEE SPEARS

Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

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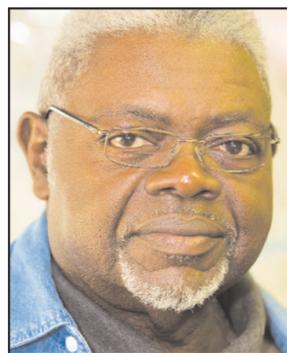


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Pre-Juneteenth Annual Banquet held

BY BERNEST HEWETT

The Bolivia-Brunswick County Chapter of North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus 7th Congressional District Pre-Juneteenth Annual Banquet was a great success again this year.

There were four honorees: Mr. Clint J. Berry, Vice President, ATMC (Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation). He was honored for the work ATMC does for Brunswick County; Mr. Garland Scarboro, who is in charge of diversity and inclusion for Food Lion. He was honored for his job with Food Lion and the direction he has built for them. They are very well respected in all communities in North Carolina and other states where they have a store. In Brunswick County, they have over three hundred employees; Mr. Thurgood Marshall Grissett Sr. was honored for his service to his country. He received two purple hearts when he was serving his country in the U. S. Marine Corps. Mr. Tim Ezra

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HARVARD STUDY:

Black men sentenced to longer prison terms than Whites Convicted of the same crimes

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE

SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM NORTHSTARNEWSTODAY.COM

(TriceEdneyWire.com) Republican-appointed judges to the federal bench sentence Black men to longer prison terms compared with White men convicted of the same crime, according to a study by the Harvard Law School.

The report also found that Black judges impose shorter sentences on average than non-Black judges. However, in Chicago there hasn't been a Black man on the federal



Black offenders were sentenced to 4.8 months more in prison compared to similar non-black offenders, the study reported.

bench since 2012, Crain's Chicago Business reported in January 2016. The study "Judicial Politics and Sentencing Decisions," reported that

the racial disparity in sentencing decisions contributes to the fact that Black defendants comprise a disproportionate fraction of the prison population relative to their percentage of the overall population," the study found. The Federal Bureau of Prisons reported Saturday, May 26, that Blacks comprised 37.8 percent of the prison population or 69,324 inmates.

Over 95 percent of criminal convictions are the result of guilty pleas. Once a plea deal is reached and accepted by the judge, the judge schedules sentencing.

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THE HIGHEST HONOR



MAYOR BILL SAFFO PRESENTED THE AWARD TO DR. SHERIDAN.

Retired UNCW Professor Earl Sheridan awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Earl Sheridan, retired UNCW professor of public and international affairs, has been honored by Gov. Roy Cooper with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Wilmington Mayor Bill Saffo at the May 15 meeting of the city council. Sheridan served on the Wilmington City Council from 2005-17.

"Dr. Sheridan is the embodiment of our state motto, Esse Quam Videri - 'to be rather than to seem,'" said UNCW Faculty Senate President Stephen Meinhold, also a professor in the Department of Public and International Affairs. "Through his lifelong community service, he has asked everyone 'to be' better. He has inspired thousands of

Seahawks, asking every student to 'to be' educated, and he has been a friend and mentor to those who reached out a hand, asking them 'to be' part of a team."

A Wilmington native who holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Appalachian State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Sheridan has authored numerous scholarly articles and papers on political ideology and race. In addition to his 38 years on the UNCW faculty and tenure on the city council, Sheridan was president of the New Hanover County Branch of the NAACP from 1987-1996. He also served on the 1898 Memorial Foundation, the board of the Domestic Violence Shelter and Services and the city Commission on African American History.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNCW Dr. Earl Sheridan shares honor with his wife, Dr. Sandra Sheridan.

is the highest honor a North Carolina governor can bestow and is awarded to people who have made significant contributions to the state and their communities. Each recipient is considered an honorary ambassador of the state.

The GOP election budget: No "pork" for the poor

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

With a projected tough 2018 midterm election ahead in November, Republican legislative leaders made sure that they "greased the wheels" for quick passage of their \$23.9 billion budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

But that's not all they "greased." Whereas in Gov. Cooper's proposed budget (which was not considered by the Republicans at all) he allotted \$2.5 million "...to bolster support services at HBCUs," proposed Medicaid expansion for an additional 670,000 citizens, and added \$9 million in community mental health funding to help combat growing the opioid crisis, the GOP virtually ignored it all, opting, instead to award the home counties of House and Senate leadership with \$35 million in "special" discretionary allotments of taxpayer dollars in grants and funding.

The result, with no amendments and no changes to the budget measure allowed because it was brought to the floor in a conference report, is \$500,000 for Cleveland County (home of Republican House Speaker Tim Moore) to host the American Legion Baseball World Series, an annual event since 2011, but either sharp reductions or complete elimination of funding for needed social services for the vast majority of the State's citizenry.

The Democrats were not having it. "No Democratic input. No amendments allowed," opined Rep. Amos L. Quick III (D-District 58). This is no way to lead North Carolina."

Rep. Quick also voted against the GOP budget because it cut \$150,000 from NC A&T University.

"You make sure you vote in November

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UNCW Festival of the Arts returns

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Whether it's soulful Americana music, dramatic opera or critically acclaimed films, this year's Lumina Festival of the Arts offers something for everyone.

The festival features 35 events including a performance by Grammy-winning artist Rhiannon Giddens and a free outdoor arts fair. Giddens is a

founding member of the North Carolina band Carolina Chocolate Drops and a 2017 MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" recipient.

The festival runs July 12-July 29 at various locations on the UNCW campus and venues throughout Wilmington. Tickets are now on sale.

"We were thrilled with the response from our community to last year's Lumina Festival and

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PHOTO COURTESY DAVID MCGLISTER /BILLBOARD Rhiannon Giddens will perform.



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Gore (Jackie) was honored for his service to Brunswick county and North Carolina through his work with the Masonic Order. He served as Worshipful Master, District Deputy Grand Master for the 19th District, Patron of May Queen Chapter #599, Wilmington Consistory, #63 Past Masters' Council, Holy Royal Arch Mosaic, Past Eminent Commander of Herbert Bell Shaw Commandery #18.

Presently, he is a Masonic Grand Lodge officer and District Deputy Grand Master Emeritus. While doing all this work in the community he has been a barber for over fifty years. He has been a deacon at

Black workers lag behind Whites in the energy sector

BY FREDDIE ALLEN
EDITOR IN CHIEF, NNPA

Energy jobs are growing faster than the national average and energy-related sectors are less diverse than the national workforce, according to the 2018 U.S. Energy and Employment Report (USEER).

"The nation's energy sector employed 6.5 million Americans in 2017, up 133,000 jobs from the year prior," a press release about the report noted. "This two percent growth rate exceeded the national average of 1.7 percent. Jobs in the energy sectors accounted for nearly 7 percent of all new jobs nationwide in 2017."

National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) and the Energy Futures Initiative (EFI) released the report last week. NASEO is the only national non-profit association for the governor-designated energy officials from each of the 56 states and territories, according to the group's website. EFI provides policymakers, industry leaders, NGOs with data driven, unbiased policy recommendations, "to advance a cleaner, safer, more affordable and more secure energy future."

The report said that the companies surveyed anticipate roughly 6.2 percent employment growth for 2018.

Despite the positive growth trends, ethnic and racial minorities account for a smaller share of the workforce in the energy-related sectors than their corresponding national averages, the report said. Hispanic or Latino workers account for 10-19 percent of the labor force in energy-related sectors, compared to 17 percent in the overall economy. Black workers hold 5-9 percent of the jobs in energy-related sectors and account for 12 percent of the national workforce.

The USEER examines four sectors of the energy economy: Electric Power Generation and Fuels; Transmission, Distribution, and Storage; Energy Efficiency; and Motor Vehicles.

Blacks account for 9 percent of the electric power generation workforce (76,985) compared to White workers who hold 70 percent of the electric power generation jobs (615,696).

Blacks workers account for 5 percent of the Fuels work-

force (53,488) and Whites account for 84 percent of the Fuels workforce (903,045).

African Americans account for 8 percent of the energy efficiency workforce (176,303) compared to White workers that hold 78 percent of the jobs in that sector (1,748,399).

Blacks hold 180,031 of the jobs in the Motor Vehicles sector accounting for 8 percent of the workforce compared to White workers who hold 1,832,239 of the jobs and 78 percent of the Motor Vehicles workforce.

"The USEER has proven to be an important tool for state energy officials, who will use this unique set of 'all of the above' energy jobs data to inform policy development and planning," said David Terry, the executive director of the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), in a press release about the report.

During a presentation about the report on Capitol Hill, Ernest J. Moniz, the former Energy Secretary under President Barack Obama, called the report a foundation for state governments, non-



According to the 2018 U.S. Energy and Employment Report (USEER), Black workers hold 5-9 percent of the jobs in energy-related sectors, a rate that is much lower than the 12 percent share of the national workforce held by Black workers. (Pexels.com)

profit organizations and businesses to analyze the data and develop policy proposals.

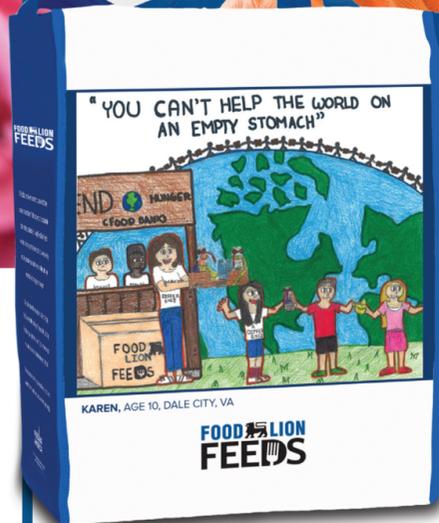
Moniz, who is also the president and CEO of EFI, noted that although many industry leaders expressed concerns about hiring challenges in a very tight labor market, there were still opportunities to

recruit and train people to fill jobs. The former energy secretary added that apprentice programs prosper when there are partnerships between state agencies and labor union groups; pre-apprenticeship programs can also aid in addressing some of the diversity issues found in the energy

industry today.

"The competitiveness of this sector is important," Moniz said. "We know that the definition of full employment does not mean that there aren't people who are available, with appropriate training, to come in to the jobs."

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Is NC ready for launch of hurricane season?

BY STEPHANIE CARSON OF NC NEWS SERVICE

[WILMINGTON] While Tropical Depression Alberto prompted the extreme flooding experienced by North Carolina last week, hurricane season is officially beginning Friday.

Eight major flood-related disasters costing more than \$410 million in public assistance have impacted the state since 2010. What's complicating this season is what happened last season, according to Gavin Smith,

who researches hazard mitigation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"The communities are still in the midst of recovering from Hurricane Matthew, and that's going to add additional challenges to not only preparedness, but just the fact that they are in the midst of recovering, which makes them vulnerable in some ways to future damages," says Smith.

The flood insurance program is set to expire July 31, and Smith and others are calling on Congress to reau-

thorize and update the program. The National Flood Insurance Program paid out more than \$640 million dollars for damages related to Hurricane Matthew, and there are 134,000 NFIP policies in the state.

After Hurricanes Fran and Floyd, North Carolina purchased 5,000 homes and cleared land along the coast to

reduce damage from future storms. Craig Fugate is a former administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and says massive storms in the 1990s prompted the state to be proactive, but there is a vulnerability that

remains. "North Carolina has been very progressive to get better information and better data

for their maps, but it still comes down to too many people in North Carolina are told they don't live in a flood zone, yet they still have a flood risk," says Fugate.

Homeowners are able to purchase flood insurance no matter where they live, but are not required to if they don't live in a designated flood zone. Smith says the NFIP program is in serious need of an update.

"The flood insurance program is in financial trouble, in the sense that because of these major hurricanes, one striking after another, the

expected payout from the flood insurance program is quite large and so Congress has actually had to appropriate additional funding," says Smith.

The insurance program is beginning the 2019 season at least \$15 billion in debt. While some argue that private insurers can step in to offer coverage to homeowners, others say the private sector isn't big enough to take on the NFIP's five million policies.

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and encourage others to do the same to break this supermajority that allows [the Republicans] to thumb their nose at a fair and democratic process," added Rep. Quick, who is running for re-election this fall.

Outgoing veteran lawmaker Rep. H. M. "Mickey" Michaux, Jr. called what the Republicans were doing with the budget process "rape," and he wasn't sure whether he was in North Carolina or "North Korea."

Senate Minority Leader Dan Blue blasted his GOP colleagues for not raising teacher pay by another \$600 million,

school safety, water quality protections and workforce training.

Blue chided the Republicans for protecting tax cuts for the rich, instead of taking care of the most needy and deserving North Carolinians.

"With Democrats currently a minority in both chambers, there's nothing we can do to

stop it," Sen. Blue said in a statement, "but this serves as a reminder of how important the upcoming elections will be in North Carolina."

Though he hasn't indicated what he'll do yet, Governor Cooper is expected to veto the Republican budget.

The Republican supermajority is expected to override it if he does.

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we're expanding the offerings this year," said Kristen Brogdon, director of UNCW Office of the Arts and interim associate vice chancellor of community engagement. "In addition to Opera Wilmington, Alchemical Theatre and our Lumina Concert Series, this year we have even more free events. I'm especially excited about our new outdoor art fair on opening weekend, in collaboration with College of Health and Human Services, 'Hooked on Arts.'"

The art fair will feature artist booths, local food vendors, a chalk art contest and informal performances in the amphitheater. Opera Wilmington will celebrate its 5th anniversary with the production of Die Fledermaus. Alchemical Theatre's production of Twelfth Night will

introduce Lumina audiences to UNCW's versatile black box space the SRO Theatre. Cucalorus will host a screening featuring a 2018 SXSW award-winning film.

Festival partners include UNCW departments of theatre, music, art and art history, the College of Health and Human Services, Community Music Academy, Opera Wilmington, Alchemical Theatre of Wilmington, Black Arts Alliance, Wilmington Latin Dance, Cucalorus and Mouths of Babes Theatre.

For a full schedule of events and ticket information, visit www.uncw.edu/arts/lumina. Free or reduced-price student tickets are available for most events. Contact the Kenan Auditorium Box Office for details at 910.962.3500 or 800.732.3643. Box Office hours are 12 - 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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to similar non-black offenders, the study reported.

Prison sentences have grown for federal inmates from 17.9 months in 1988 to 37.5 months in 2012 for violent, property, drug, public order, weapon and immigration crimes, according to Pew Research Center.

In comparison, women offenders receive 12.1 fewer months in prison compared to male offenders. Defendants with children are sentenced to longer terms in prison than defendants with fewer dependents.

To arrive at its findings, researchers at Harvard Law

School studied the sentencing data of more than 546,916 federal defendants linked to federal judges. Harvard studied defendants sentenced between 1999 and 2015 and they observed the sentencing practices of approximately 1,400 unique judges.

"Male defendants are sentenced to substantially longer time in prison than female defendants even after accounting for arrest offense and criminal history," the report said.

There are 677 authorized federal judgeships in 94 district courts as of 2017, Harvard reported. Most of the districts have between two and seven authorized judgeships.

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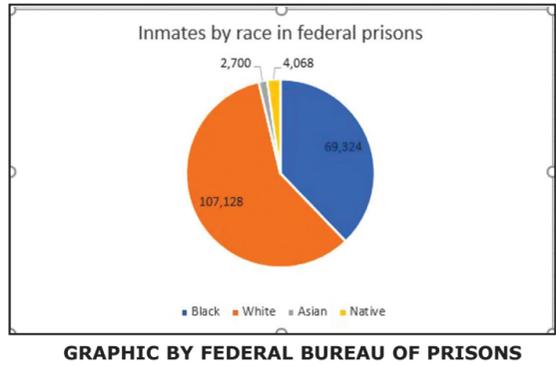
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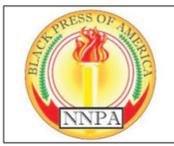
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GUEST EDITORIAL

The disturbing flip side of the 'Black Panther' movie

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

In the late 1960s several young brothers, including myself, had the mind-expanding experience of studying propaganda analysis under the tutelage of the brilliant Professor Mamoud Boutiba. During those sessions we met once a week for nearly a year. His main point was for us to remember that there is no such thing as a movie, television or radio program, newspaper or magazine article, school textbook, or play without a message. It was up to us, he noted, to discover what that message was.



A. Peter Bailey

I had those lessons in mind when I went to see "The Black Panther." By the time I saw it, it had already been in movie theaters for nearly a month and was receiving overwhelmingly positive reactions, including from people whom I knew and whose opinions about such things, I respected. They raved about its unprecedented showing of the beauty and strength of Black people, especially dark-skinned ones. They

were much impressed with its use of ancient African cultural and spiritual symbols. They marveled at the talent of the Black folks who put the film together.

I also read articles with headlines such as "The Black Panther Revolution," "The Afrofuturism of Black Panther," "A Hero of Diversity," "The Panther: A Superhero for Black Youth," "#BlackPantherChallenge Seeks to Send Thousands to Theaters Nationwide," "Black Churches Across the Nation Host Screenings of 'Black Panther,'" "Upcoming 'Black Panther' Comic Garners New Fans," "Black Panther Paves Way for Investment in South Africa," "The 'Black Panther' Happening," "Finally, A Chance Just to Enjoy a Black Film," and "Searching for Wakanda."

What I didn't read in all of those articles and didn't see or hear in television or radio commentaries about the film were three things that, in my opinion, reinforced ongoing negative stereotypes about people of African descent. The first and most disturbing of those was that in a film about an African superhero, it is a white man in the CIA who shoots down the machine that is a threat to the entire world. In other words, when it comes to crunch time, one has to rely on the White man to take care of business. And when the White man is saving the world, the African people are busy fighting each other.

Which brings me to the second point. The film basically has a message that African people on the continent and people of African descent from the continent of North America (aka USA) can't get along with each other. After the climatic battle led by King T'Challa of Wakanda and Erik Killmonger, who represents the African-American position, the king makes a conciliatory proposal that they should seek ways to work together. Killmonger rejects his proposal and instead kills himself. This must have been very pleasing to those White forces and even some Black ones who don't want any kind of mutually beneficial spiritual, cultural, economic and political connection between people of African descent throughout the world. Killmonger's rejection of overtures from King T'Challa reinforces that position.

My third problem with "The Black Panther" is the name "Killmonger," given to the character played by Michael B. Jordan. After seeing the film I looked up the word "warmonger" in a dictionary. A warmonger was described as "a person who is strongly in favor of war or as one who wants to bring about war." One can only conclude that someone named Killmonger is strongly in favor of killing. It is not surprising, all things considered, that the name is given to the film character who represents African-Americans.

I saw the MSNBC television special on "The Black Panther," during which key contributors to it were interviewed. Every single one of them came off as being talented, intelligent, committed and thoughtful. That's why it's so puzzling to me that neither of them comprehended that it is not positive or productive to have a White man destroy the threat to the world instead of the African superhero, to have a main character with the name Killmonger and to deliver a message that Africans and African-Americans can't connect together against the forces who regard all Black people as inferior beings.

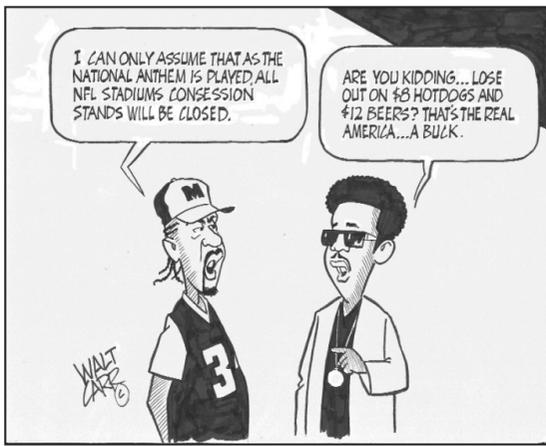
One article I read, "The Panther: A Superhero for Black Youth," quotes a youngster as saying "I love Black people and this is about black power." Another said "Black Panther never stopped fighting for his culture, his people and his country."

A "Rolling Stone" cover story notes that "Black Panther is about many things: family, responsibilities, fathers and sons, the power of badass women, borders, refugees, what it means to be black, what it means to be African. What it means to be a citizen of the world."

The above are all positive messages which are unfortunately undermined by the three damaging messages of the type of which Professor Boutiba taught us to be aware.

A. Peter Bailey, whose latest book is *Witnessing Brother Malcolm X, the Master Teacher*, can be reached at apeterb@verizon.net.

Visual Voice



MATTERS OF OPINION

Good or bad for girls

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

We've gone through, and are still living with, racially segregated schools, rich versus poor schools, religious schools that tend to segregate and schools that segregate by gender.

Sex segregated public education is increasing according to a report from the Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) in a report entitled "Tracking Deliberate Sex Segregation in K-12 Public Schools." The report was based on data from the Civil Rights Data Collection which found and named 794 public co-



Dr. E. Faye Williams

ed schools that reported having single-sex academic classes and all-girl and all-boy public schools.

I know and work with many women in the FMF. They do great work on behalf of women and girls. I must admit I haven't always been much involved in the question of whether boys and girls are better off when they attend separate schools. However,

this report got my attention when I learned that sex segregated schools are increasing.

Having been a proponent of Title IX that was signed into law over 40 years ago, I was curious about whether girls are still discriminated against. The law prohibits sex discrimination and often sex segregation in education programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. Instead of decreasing, there are now more deliberate sex segregated public K-12 education programs and they are increasing.

The FMF study found that public schools reported having single sex classes with especially large increases in Nevada and Tennessee. There are also additional single sex schools. Most of these schools are found in low income Black and Latino communities. At the same time, it was found that 64 years after the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, our public schools are more racially segregated than ever. That raises the question whether schools have improved for Black and Latino students or do practices under Title IX or *Brown v. Board* help. If they've not helped, is it because the intent of these laws is ignored?

The FMF report documents how deliberate K-12 single-sex instruction is educationally unsound, economically wasteful, and often unlawful.

The report further tells us, "Under the Bush administration, the ED released 2006 regulations weakening Title IX prohibitions on single-sex education. In December 2014, the ED Office for Civil Rights provided clarifying Q&A guidance on justifications that schools need to show that their single-sex education is not discriminatory."

These 2014 Questions and Answers on Title IX and Single-Sex Elementary and Secondary Classes and Extracurricular Activities are meant to be used to adequately justify that any allowable single-sex public education does not increase sex stereotyping and sex discrimination. This guidance also reminds schools they should publish information on their single-sex activities as well as their evaluations and justifications on their websites and that any of this deliberate single-sex education should be approved by Title IX Coordinators and other officials.

Maybe some sex segregated schools are necessary, but they shouldn't exist if they're

discriminating. The discrimination is generally against the girls. In order to reduce the numbers of sex discriminatory sex segregated programs in K-12 public schools, the FMF recommends that Title IX Coordinators and other gender equity advocates check the current status, policies, and for any plans of schools that indicate allowing single-sex classes.

In many cases these district and school-based Title IX Coordinators need help from other gender equity activists including reminding them that intentional sex segregated public education is rarely legally, educationally, or economically justifiable. For more information on this subject, contact: Dr. Sue Klein FMF Education Equity Director, sklein@feminist.org. She's the expert, but you may also contact the National Congress of Black women at 202/678-6788.

As parents and those interested in what is happening with girls in school, all of us need to be more vigilant.

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Ain't I a woman: The historic attack on African-American women

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The stupidly foul and racist comedienne Roseanne Barr is as insignificant as a single drop of rain in a thunderstorm and so, on one hand, she deserves to be upbraided, to have lost her television show, and to be written down in the halls of ignominy. At the same time her description of former White House Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett as the spawn of "Muslim Brotherhood & planet of the apes", is unfortunately consistent with our nation's history of dehumanizing and defeminizing African American women.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

When a people are systematically dehumanized, they can be treated as lesser, inferior beings. When people are compared to monkeys, apes, gorillas, they are being described as less evolved than other human beings, as people who deserve less. When this extends to women, we are both dehumanized and defeminized. In other words, Black women do not have to be treated with the same respect as other women. We can be violated, treated as people (things) to be toyed with. This is why so many Black women could be violated by white men who, for sport, would "go get a n--r gal", pull her from the side of the road, and gang rape her. That's what happened to the young mother, Recy Taylor, in

1944. The men who violated her paid no price. That's what happened to Betty Jean Owens, the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) undergraduate who was abducted from a car (at gunpoint) and repeatedly raped by four white men. Atypically, these men were convicted and sentenced to life in prison. One of the men was paroled and tracked down and killed a woman named Betty Jean Robinson Houston, mistaking her for Betty Jean Owens.

How could white "men" so brutally violate a woman, authorize their defense to argue that "she wanted it", and expect to get away with it? They were granted permission by a history that made Black women seem something less than human. It's the same history that allowed Clay County, West Virginia public official Pamela Taylor, to describe First Lady Michelle Obama as "an ape in heels". It was the same history that allowed the same Roseanne to compare Susan Rice, national security advisor and former ambassador to the UN to "a big man with swinging ape balls" in a 2013 tweet. It was the same history that empowered a New York Post cartoonist to depict President Obama as a monkey; the same history that had a spate of elected officials refer to the President of the United States as a monkey. These folks include Mayor Patrick Rushing of Airway Heights, Washington, and Dan Johnson, a 2016 congressional state candidate in Louisville, Kentucky, and others. And when people in the United States feel free to

demonize Black folks, then this dehumanizing goes global. During the Obama presidency, there were several instances of Putin allies referring to our President as a monkey, and a North Korean defense commission described President Obama as a "monkey in a tropical habitat."

Of course, when these people are called on their nonsense, they claim they aren't racist. Or they say they were joking. I want someone to explain what is even mildly chuckle-inducing about calling a Black woman an ape? Or explain why these monkey comparisons aren't racist. Ambien does not count! So the decency-challenged Clay County official says she wasn't talking about Michelle Obama's race when she called her "an ape in heels". She was just talking about her looks! What, pray tell, is the difference?

The monkey comparisons are especially hurtful to Black women and to our girls, particularly because we are the antithesis of the so-called "feminine ideal" of svelte, blonde, and blue-eyed. Serena Williams, the far more accomplished tennis player than the Russian Maria Sharapova, has never garnered the fawning tribute to her looks, and indeed has sometimes been demeaned with animalistic comparisons. Sharapova has just five Grand Slam titles; Serena has a near-record breaking 23. But at the time of Sharapova's suspension from professional tennis in 2015, she had garnered more endorsement dollars than Serena. And I'll never forget

the cringe-worthy Nike "I Feel Pretty" Sharapova campaign in 2010, when Sharapova look-alikes infested the US Open, trumpeting their "blonde beauty". Imagine the impact such a campaign might have had on the self-esteem of Black girls if "pretty and strong" were the mantra for Serena. Perhaps it flies in the face of American history to describe a Black woman as pretty, the feminine ideal. That's why so many feel they can liken Black women to monkeys.

Where are the women of #MeToo when these attacks come at Black women? Although ABC is to be commended for kicking Roseanne to the curb so swiftly after her offensive tweets were publicized, I am disappointed that the women of #MeToo couldn't lift their voices to object to the defeminization of Black women. The disdain that made Roseanne feel free to attempt to dehumanize Valerie Jarrett, is the same disdain that allows Black women to be so easily violated in the workplace and the worldspace. If white women want Black women as allies, more of them must speak up when we are disgracefully, but historically, demeaned. This is really not about Roseanne. It's about the ways history has shaped the way many view African American women.

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RAINBOW COALITION

When it comes to the vote, we're fighting a second civil war

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The talk shows are filled with the latest rumor about WikiLeaks and Russian interference in our elections. What was done still remains a mystery. But Republican tricky leaks - the systematic efforts to suppress the vote - is an established fact, and a far greater threat to free elections.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The facts are not in dispute. A recent report by the United Nations special rapporteur on extreme poverty notes that in addition to suffering the most extreme inequality in the industrial world, the U.S. ranks among the lowest for voter participation. Voter registration levels, for example, are 64 percent in the U.S., compared with 91 percent in Canada and the United Kingdom and 99 percent in Japan.

This isn't an accident. As The New York Times reports, conservatives have openly stated for years that they do better when fewer people vote. In the South under segregation, the power structure used any number of tricks - poll taxes, and special quizzes, intimidation and

just plain murder - to keep blacks from voting. Now, Republicans are clear that they must suppress the vote if they are to keep power.

As professor Donald Jones stated at a Florida hearing of the National Commission for Voter Justice, "When it comes to the vote, we are in the Second Civil War."

The National Commission for Voter Justice was launched by RainbowPush early this year to undertake a 2-year mission of documenting the status of voting rights in the U.S., educating the public about ongoing threats and inspiring reforms to reaffirm the right to vote. The NCVJ has held hearings in four states - Michigan, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida - and produced research from six states.

The NCVJ found that systematic efforts are underway to make voting more difficult in state after state. Voter purging and voter caging is being conducted on a much larger scale since 2016 than is popularly recognized. In Georgia in 2017, 320,000 voters who had been purged from the voter rolls had to file a lawsuit to regain the right to vote. In Florida, black voters are being purged after being labeled "inactive," by not responding to a mail request for confirmation of address.

The Interstate Crosscheck System, invented by

Republican attorneys, is used by 27 states and is estimated to lead to the wrongful purging of hundreds of thousands of voters. States also work to make voting harder. They limit the days of early voting, reduce the number of polling places, leading to long lines and frustrated voters, and relocate polling places to distant communities.

Georgia is notorious for moving polling sites from black communities to inaccessible locations with poor advance notice. Ex-felons who have served their sentence are still disenfranchised in Florida and other states; students face more and more barriers designed to keep them from voting. Republican state legislators have pushed to pass voter ID laws across the country; 34 states now enforce these laws. Eleven percent of U.S. citizens - 21 million people - lack a governmental issued photo ID, the ACLU reports. One in four African-Americans lacks this form of ID.

The Government Accountability Office found that strict photo ID laws reduce turnout by 2 to 3 percent. Open voter suppression laws had a far greater effect on the 2016 election than whatever the Russians did. Wisconsin's right-wing Gov. Scott Walker had previously signed into law new voter ID requirements, some of which

a Federal District Court had found discriminated against minority voters. Conservative judges at the appellate level upheld the law. Republicans openly bragged that this would make the difference in the election.

The result, by the state's own records, was that 300,000 eligible voters lacked the proper ID. African American turnout was down dramatically and Hillary Clinton lost the key state by only 22,700 votes. We should take steps to ensure that no foreign power can interfere with our elections, but we should also act boldly to ensure that the right to vote is not undermined by zealous partisans at home. Voter registration should be automatic. Voting should be facilitated, not made harder. Early voting days should be extended; polling booths easily available; hours extended.

No one should have to wait for hours in a line to cast a vote. In the end, we should amend the Constitution to specifically establish the right to vote. This basic democratic value is now contested. We have public officials openly bragging about their schemes to suppress the right to vote. There is no greater threat to a democracy. Now it is up to patriots to defend the most basic right of all.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. is founder and president PUSH/Rainbow Coalition.

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

On the presidential pardons

The current president, who said during his campaign that he was the "law and order" candidate, has shown and is showing that his concept of the same is far off the beaten path.

Or is it?

As so many people languish in American prisons because of felony convictions for low-level, nonviolent drug offenses, the president is not only attacking the primary law and order institutions of this country, but he is also pardoning people who have been convicted of white collar crimes, people the president says have been treated "very unfairly" by the government.

The pardon of Sheriff Joe Arpaio was hard enough to swallow, but the pardon of Indian American conservative pundit, author and filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza, a rabid racist who was convicted of violating federal campaign finance laws in 2014 and sent to prison was a

slap in the face of justice. The fact that both Arpaio and D'Souza have the reputation of being racist makes their pardons all that more difficult to take. D'Souza, who relentlessly attacked former President Barack Obama when he was in office, was quick to pick up his racist rhetoric, tweeting, "Obama and his stooges tried to extinguish my American dream & destroy my faith in America. Thank you @realDonaldTrump for fully restoring both." (<https://www.cnn.com/2018/05/31/politics/trump-dinesh-dsouza-pardon/index.html>)

Meanwhile, almost half a million people are in prison for committing drug offenses; nonviolent drug offenses are a defining characteristic of the federal prison system, according to a report issued by the Prison Policy Initiative. (<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/pie2018.html>)

A staggering 1 out of every 5 people are incarcerated for these offenses, that same report states. Were they, too, treated "unfairly" by the government?

The president is within his rights to pardon whomever he pleases, but what is troubling is his dismissal of "the law" as concerns people who have committed serious felonies and who espouse hateful and racist rhetoric. Arpaio, convicted of a misdemeanor criminal contempt of court for refusing to obey a court order that he stop racially profiling Hispanic-Americans, wasted no time in picking up his "birtherism" rhetoric once the president pardoned him, and is running for Senate in his state of Arizona.

We don't know what project D'Souza will pick up now that he has been let out of prison, but we can be sure it will reek of racism and hatred and now, an arrogance that comes with his pardon. He, Arpaio, and even the president have communicated the message that "law and order" only apply to some people, certainly not any of the president's friends and loyalists.

The impudence and arrogance of this administration's disregard for the law, for the U.S. Justice Department and the FBI, is so much a part of what it does and does not do so toxic and disturbing that it is stifling. This administration believes in law and order for just some people. He believes in the Second Amendment but seems to have little respect for the other freedoms listed in the Bill of Rights, including freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

It is all very disturbing and feels like the bold-faced white supremacy this country experienced during Reconstruction, leading up to the Civil Rights Movement, is right back in our faces. That this president makes no bones about his racism has caused a flurry of cable news arguments; that's what we see, but it is also making the way for this president to create policy that is no friend to people of color.

The president is giving the OK to people who live in and practice white supremacy, including law enforcement institutions. The message white people are getting is that it is OK to practice their racism; there will be no retribution, no "law and order" pronouncements that will hurt white people. A case in point is the case of the family of a black man who was shot and killed by police in St. Lucie, Florida. The offending police officers were of course acquitted, but the jury in the civil trial chose to award that family a judgment of \$4. (<http://miami.cbslocal.com/2018/05/31/jury-awards-4-to-family-of-man-killed-by-st-lucie-deputy/>) The message is clear: the law is on the side of only some people.

That's not a new message, but it feels more threatening as this president's words and actions seem to be giving people the go-ahead to be as racist as they want. The "law" will be on their side, not on the side of those wronged by the government or the justice system - unless, of course, the wronged is a friend of and loyalist to the president, or just a good, ol' boy who believes in white supremacy.

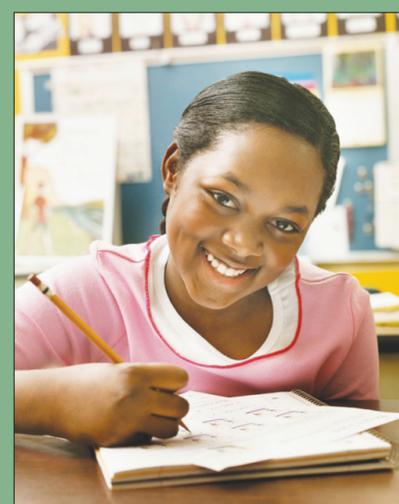
It will only get worse as this president subjects this nation to his white supremacist mindset, a mindset that is clear to everyone despite his pronouncement during his campaign that he is "the least racist person" anyone could know.

Tell that to the people of color, the immigrants and others who, under this president, seem to be on a path that will afford them little justice, and certainly not a pardon.

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TO BE EQUAL

Black entertainment trailblazer: The legacy of Debra Lee

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair." - Shirley Chisholm, African-American Politician & Activist, November 30, 1924 - January 1, 2005

Debra L. Lee is a dues-paid member of an exclusive club: African-American CEOs. While the Oscars struggles to be less White and dashes of color are increasingly becoming a mainstay on our movie and television screens, Black representation in leadership and executive office suites remains abysmally few and far between at media companies or otherwise. Despite the long odds and doubly fortified barriers to entry for African-American woman in corporate America, Lee sat at the helm of Black Entertainment Television for two decades, and for 17 of those years, BET Networks remained the #1 cable network among African-American viewers, broadening the media landscape for creatives of color and audiences in search of their experiences and stories on screen.



Marc Morial

Lee's story begins in the American South. She was born in 1954, the year of the Supreme Court's Brown vs.

Board of Education decision that outlawed public school segregation. In 1972, Lee graduated from North Carolina's Greensboro-Dudley High School in a county school system still divided by racial segregation. As she recalls, what was lacking in resources was compensated for by "teachers who really cared." From there she attended Brown University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in political science with an emphasis in Asian politics. Lee went on to attend Harvard University, receiving her law degree from Harvard and a master's degree in public policy in 1980.

After serving as both a law clerk and an attorney at a corporate law firm, in 1986, Lee joined BET as its first vice president and general counsel. Ten years later, Lee was elevated to network president and COO. By 2005, Lee had successfully worked her way up the ranks to become BET's chairman and CEO. Her commitment to reinvigorating a brand once synonymous with the excesses of 90s Hip-Hop came with a new direction for BET and a series of cable television network successes.

Under Lee's leadership, the series premier of The Game debuted as the most-watched series premiere in cable television history. In 2017, The New Edition Story miniseries became the highest-rated television biopic of all times. After doubling BET's production budget, Lee introduced new talent and original programming to the

channel, including fan-favorites Being Mary Jane and The Real Husbands of Hollywood. The push for original, authentic programming brought with it high ratings, growing popularity, soaring profit and a determination to assert BET's reach beyond the edges of our television screens.

BET's evolution also included the launch of its website, BET.com, and the launch of the network's sister channel, BET Her, the first network designed to target African-American women. Lee acquired the television rights to the annual award show Black Girls Rock! and continued to elevate the prominence and prestige of the BET Awards. Lee recently launched Leading Women Defined, an annual gathering of thought leaders that convenes notable African-American woman, including former First Lady Michelle Obama, Venus Williams and Issa Rae, to discuss issues that have a direct impact on the Black community.

Her decades of long commitment and dedication to the success of BET have not gone unnoticed either in or outside of the entertainment industry. Lee's litany of honors include being named Hollywood Reporter's 100 Most Powerful Women in Entertainment, she also earned a well-deserved spot on Forbes World's 100 Most Powerful Women list and Black Enterprise's 50 Most Powerful Women in Corporate America. She has also been honored with the

Distinguished Leadership Vanguard Award by the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (a first for an African-American female executive) and she was inducted into the Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame. In 2017, the Grammy organization recognized her with the Salute to Industry Icons Award-making her the first and only woman to receive the honor. Being no stranger to the recognition and celebration of Black excellence, the National Urban League presented Lee with an award for Lifetime Achievement at our annual Whitney M. Young Awards.

In the beginning, Lee's journey to BET may have appeared far from promising. In her early school career, she suffered from some of the very same inequities too many students of color continue to face today in our public schools. Despite the obstacles and the odds, Lee went on to successfully run a multi-billion dollar enterprise. This year, Lee steps down as the chairman and CEO of BET, but her story, her era and her legacy does not end here. Her lasting influence will be felt every time another man or woman of color advances through the unwieldy doors she pried open, takes the helm of a corporation and increases the membership roll of the exclusive African-American CEO club.

Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.

"We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us."



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New Hanover County

Diva's & Don's, 3401 Wrightsville Ave., will hold their 2nd Annual Customer Appreciation event on Saturday, June 9th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. There will be food, music and giveaways.



Brunswick County

Community Briefs

The Town of Belville is now accepting applications from citizens who are interested in serving on the Belville Parks and Recreation Board. The appointee will begin serving on the Board in July of 2018, to fill a vacancy until the term ends in January of 2019. Applications are available online at www.townofbelville.com under the Town Forms tab or at the Belville Town Hall, located at 63 River Road, Belville, NC. Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday. The submission deadline is Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 4 pm. For additional information regarding the vacancy, please contact Athina Williams, Town Clerk, at (910)371-2456.

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Nourish NC & Support The Port Presents: Greenfield St. Pop Up Shop

(Wilmington, NC) - On June 23rd Support The Port with Nourish NC will be hosting a Greenfield St. Pop Up Farmers Market from 10am - 1pm outside at the Old Century Mills building on the corner of 8th and Greenfield St. This event is completely free and intended for the customers of the Greenfield neighborhood grocery store was burnt down. NourishNC will provide a FREE Farmers Market with thousands of pounds of farm fresh produce. Folks of all ages will get "Nourish Bucks" to "shop" for fresh fruits & veggies. We want this to be more of a community experience rather than just a pop-up market. The event will have a DJ, free hot breakfast, health related activities, kids activities, action-oriented resources, etc. We also want it to be an opportunity where folks from the neighborhood can give feedback about what they need in their neighborhood.

Several ideas have been floating around but many will take years to come to fruition, if at all, and then there is the question of what to do in the

meantime? The main questions behind any short-term idea have been who will own it-literally and figuratively, and will it be sustainable. It's also important to remember that Greenfield Street area residents lost more than just a grocery store. They lost a place of worship, a breakfast spot, and several businesses they lost part of their community.

NourishNC & Support The Port is working with our community partners to lock in all the good resources & services for this event and will post Part 2 of this blog with more details soon. Want to support this project? We need a 40x40 rental tent, 2 port a johns, a bounce house, 500 water bottles with ice and coolers, and an organization to prepare and serve breakfast for several hundred people. You can also donate at <http://nourishnc.org/donate/> or <http://www.supporttheport.com/> you can also contact Steve at director@nourishnc.org, or Cedric at Cedric@SupportThePort.com.

Free food, & beverages will be served and entry is free.

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Summertime is here and birds are plentiful

The summer season is now upon us, and we are ready for it. Summer is usually the warmest season of the year. It comes along between spring and autumn. Both the young and old usually enjoy the summer season. Summer fun, many times, begins at the beach, Carolina Beach being one of our favorites.



Verniece Stanley

There are various considerations of things that affect our summer fun. One thing we must consider is the amount of traffic on the roads. The main object is to find ways to experience fun activities.

There are times when a few opportunities arise. We can always examine each one to see if they work for us. The summer season is usually a time enjoyed by our var-

ious pets, and when we take our dogs with us for walks, we must remember to leash them according to the rules and regulations. We need to be mindful of the leash laws as our pets, particularly our dogs, frolic at the beach, enjoying the sand and sunshine.

We also need to be mindful of the rules governing where we may take our pets. Dogs are prohibited on Kure Beach and Wrightsville Beach from April 1 through September 30. Carolina Beach, Sunset Beach, Fort Fisher, Topsail Beach and Surf City allow dogs on leashes on the beach throughout the year. Oak Island welcomes pooches off leashes October 15 to March. Pets are animals which are kept by families or individuals amusement or companionship.

Sometimes, as we take our early morning walk, we see all kinds of birds. Birds are plentiful, especially in the

summertime. It is interesting to note that they come all different parts of the country. They are considered "warm blooded" animals because their feathers primarily cover their bodies and cause their body temperatures to be, by and large, warmer than their surroundings. Their feathers come in all different colors and make a very beautiful image.

Bird watchers love watching birds during the birds' feeding time, either in the morning or in the afternoon. There are bird feeding places for various reasons. These are a way of assisting birds adjust before they are able to care for themselves. As birds come from various places, sometimes their feeding places should be suitable for their habitation. Bird baths and artificial nesting sites are very helpful for most birds. Nesting sites, whether made by the birds or constructed by bird lovers,

should be located in safe places, away from dangerous animals.

There will always be bird lovers and bird watchers, and birds will always have a place to live in our communities and a special place in our hearts.

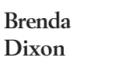
Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for *The Wilmington Journal* and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

"Skin in the Game" EARNEST DEPOSIT

When buying a home, several upfront expenses will occur that have nothing to do with the purchase price nor the down payment required by the lender.

Cost #1 is Earnest Deposit. This money is a gesture of good faith that says to the seller: "Here, Mr. Seller, I offer you xxxxx as a gesture of good faith that I want to purchase your property and I might ask for that back if I decide not to go forward with the deal within a specific period of time". Everything is nego-



Brenda Dixon

tiatile in a real estate transaction and in North Carolina, there is no specified amount for earnest deposits. There have been some transactions, although few, that had no earnest deposits collected at all. The amount of the deposit is whatever you and the seller mutually agree upon. It is very important that there is a "paper trail" of where the earnest deposit comes from if a lender is involved. You must be able to show the money was in an account from a financial institution and NO CASH is allowed. They want the personal check or cashier check or money order to show clearly it was in a bank account and then flowed out that same account. They will also want a legible clear copy of that

method of payment for the file. Now let's get back to that "specific period of time" statement. On the offer form, there is an area when you state how much time you want for a due diligence period. Due diligence period is the timeframe you have to do any home inspections, termite inspections, appraisals, surveys, etc. Any and all examinations to satisfy yourself that this property is a sound investment for your family.

The goal is to get as much due diligence period as possible so that IF ANY of the findings are not to your satisfaction, you can pull out of the contract if you choose and get ALL OF YOUR EARNEST DEPOSIT RETURNED. You can pull

out of the contract for any reason or no reason anytime before 5:00 pm on the last day of the due diligence period. If you cancel the contract AFTER that timeframe, ALL of your earnest deposit will be FORFEITED and lost to you forever. Your Realtor will help guide you through this due diligence timeframe and be the gatekeeper of cut-off dates so that if you choose to terminate, you do so before forfeiting your deposit. Next week we will discuss DUE DILIGENCE FEE. Until next week, share this article with 3 people and reach out for your FREE personalized action plan to OWN in 18 mos or less.

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Ronald W. Hall

Ronald William Hall, age 74, of Leland, passed away Monday, May 21, 2018. A celebration of Ronald's life was conducted on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at Holy Covenant United Holy Church, 219 Snowfield Rd. SE, Leland, NC 28451. Interment followed in Jones Family Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. *Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Louise M. Burns

Deaconess Louise M. Burns, the daughter of the late Dixie and Elizabeth Mapson was born March 18, 1925. She received salvation at an early age, and was affiliated with several ministries to include - Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church, Myrtle Grove AME Church, New Light Missionary Church and finally Uplifting Faith Ministries, Inc., under the leadership of Apostles Ricky and Sandra Randolph, (her son in law and daughter).

She was educated in the public schools of Brunswick County. After graduating, she married Moses McKoy (deceased) and to this union two sons were born, Bernard McKoy and Foster McKoy (deceased). In 1951, she married Deacon Alfred Burns (deceased) and five children were born to this union. Dennis Ray Burns and Bridget Burns preceded her in death.

She departed this life on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at NorthChase Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Wilmington, North Carolina.

She leaves to cherish her memories, three sons, Bernard McKoy (Judy) of Leland, North Carolina; Councilman Milton Burns (Betty) of Leland, North Carolina and Dr. Gary Burns of Garner, North Carolina; two daughters, Apostle Sandra

Randolph (Ricky) of Wilmington, North Carolina and Eldress Janice Slade of Leland, North Carolina; one sister, Jacklyn Ballard of Leland, North Carolina; one brother, Edward Mapson of Bronx, New York; four sisters-in-law, Gladys Mapson and Helen Mapson of Leland, North Carolina, Jeanette Mapson of Bronx, New York and Virginia Burns of Chesapeake, Virginia; two brothers-in-law, Walter Ballard of Leland, N.C. and Earl Burns of Charlestown, South Carolina; 17 grands, several great-grands and several great-great-grands, several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends. Special friends to include Mrs. Frances Petty and Mrs. Geneviva Ballard. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Willie W. Gaines

Willie Wade Gaines, age 73, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, May 29, 2018. A celebration of Mr. Gaines' life will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. *Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Thomas L. Pemberton

Thomas L. Pemberton, age 75, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, May 30, 2018. A celebration of Mr. Pemberton's life was conducted at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis

Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. *Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Gwendolyn Dunbar

Pastor Gwendolyn Dunbar, age 67, of Bolton, passed away Wednesday, May 30, 2018. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Pastor Dunbar's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 9, 2018 at New Townsend Temple Ministries, Bolton, NC. Interment will follow in Cooper Freeman Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. *Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Roger Austin, Jr.

Roger Austin, Jr., memorial services were held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Roger, affectionally known as "Catfish" and son of Roger Austin, Sr. and Mary White Austin was born October 21, 1951, in Wilmington, NC. He attended New Hanover County Schools and served in the US Army. After the Army, he lived in the Longwood Community for many years. He met and started a courtship with Pearl Mae Nelson and from this relationship three children were born. He worked various construction jobs and would make you laugh. His last words were, "I am ready to go home and be with the Lord."

He leaves to cherish his memories: children, Elizabeth Brock, Eric Austin and Antonio Austin all of Wilmington, NC; ten grandchildren; siblings, Willie Mae Warren, Alonzo Austin (Julia) all of Wilmington, NC; aunt, Louise

Brown and special niece, Corray Austin of Raleigh, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Zelline Kelly Qualls

Zelline Kelly Qualls funeral services were held Saturday, June 2, 2018 at St. Phillip AME Church, Wrightsboro Community. Burial followed in the Moores Cemetery.

Zelline, daughter of the late George T. Kelly, Sr. and Annie Lettly Kelly was born February 20, 1929. The wife of Johnny Qualls, Zelline was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, sister, aunt, friend and church member. Her siblings, Mary Kelly, Annie Bell Bryant (George), Rosa Brown (Harry), George Kelly, Jr., Elijah Kelly (Camilla) and Louis Kelly (Londora), all preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish: one daughter, Winnie Delores Ballard; grandchildren, Monica Hall (Jerry), Edward A. Reid, Jr. (Karen), Janice Harvin (Cecil) and Charles E. Booker, Jr.; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mamie Locke Moore

Mamie Locke Moore formerly of Wilmington, NC died May 26, 2018 in Brooklyn, NY. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Daniel J. Schaefer Funeral Home, Brooklyn, NY.

Mamie Ruth Locke Moore was born to Katherine Keaton and Alexander Clifford Locke in Wilmington North Carolina on the 5th of July in 1942. Due to her love of chewing gum, Mamie was given the nickname of "Chew". She met the love of her life James Rudolph Moore, who was affectionately called "Moe". They moved to New York City in 1962. They settled in Brooklyn, New York and welcomed their first born, Jettina Moore in 1964. "Chew" worked as a seamstress by day and was the life of the party by night. She attended the Brooklyn Literacy Program where she learned how to master the art of reading, and met then First Lady, Barbara Bush. Mamie was published in a national newspaper due to her efforts. She later went on to become a published author, writing books about her travels, pets, and her first born granddaughter. "Chew" is now resting with her husband, "Moe"; mother, Kitty; father, Alexander Clifford; her sister, Lucille; her brother, Kenneth, brother-in-law, Earl Johnson and her sister/friend Betty.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: children, Jettina, Takeenah and Dover; grandchildren, Kevin, Rahmel, Christian,

Malak, Neesha, Ashanti, and Azurah; greatgrandson, Julian; brother, Alexander Clifford "Sonny" (Patricia) of Detroit, MI; sisters, Helena, Lizzie and Rosetta, all of Wilmington, NC, a special cousin, Willie Mae Keaton Vaught; life-long friends, Earla Davis, Gloria McCombs-Sue, Velma Burnett, Peggy Jordan, Joan Hollis, Doris McMillian, Mildred McClammy and Frances Boynton; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Fuquan Ali Wright

Fuquan Ali Wright funeral services were held Monday, June 4, 2018 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Fuquan was born July 24, 1994 to the late Karen Feggins Miles and Fuquan Ali Wright, Sr. of Newark, NJ. "Mr. Petty" and "FU" as he was known will be truly missed. He was educated in the Brunswick County School System and graduated with the class of 2012. He was reared by his loving parents, Mrs. Sarah Cotton and Mr. Jo Gilbert Cotton. His memories will be cherished by: biological dad, Fuquan Alli Wright, Sr. of Newark, NJ; mom, Sarah Cotton; father, Joe Cotten; sisters, Yolanda Feggins, Cecelia Feggins, Elonda Gore, Monique Coten, Shirley Cotton, all of Wilmington, NC, ShaQuana Floyd and Natonia Feggins of Newark, NJ; brothers, Kenneth Feggins, Jamiell Feggins and *Jabriel Feggins all of Newark, NJ; god-sisters, Quanisha Allen and Shakia Powell; special friends, Kya Davidson, Brinna Goins, Meaka Jones, Deondrez Robbins, Kendrick Bowe, Quaron Kea and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mable Harris

Mable Harris funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9th at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Lawrence L. Leonard, Sr.

Lawrence L. Leonard, Sr., funeral services will be held Thursday, June 7th in Washington, DC. Burial will follow in Quantico National Cemetery. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Ella Rush

Ella Rush funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 7th at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Courtesy of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

In Loving Memory Of



Loraine Patricia Raynor
"Little Mama"
Sunrise: June 7, 1943
Sunset: March 1, 2010

We love and miss you very much!

Michael Sr., Vanessa, Michael II, Sobin and Vianca Murray

In Loving Memory Of



Cherry Baker Nelson
Sunrise: June 9, 1943
Sunset: May 21, 2016

Loving memories of our special sister on your 75th Birthday

Our HEARTS still ache in SADNESS, our silent tears still flow

For what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.

Although you can't be here with us

We've truly aren't apart, until the final breath we take, you'll be living in our hearts.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

My dear sister Cherry just to hear your voice and see your smile and just to sit and talk to you would be our dearest wish today on your birthday. Happy Birthday in Heaven

Sisters, Christine Alston, Marylyn Hamilton and Geraldine Baker Roberson; brother, William Baker

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New Hanover County

Central Missionary Baptist Church, 702 Red Cross St., will celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 17th at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Glenn Herring, Associate Minister of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 801 South 10th Street, Wilmington, NC will celebrate its youth with revival Wednesday, June 6th- Friday, June 8th, 2018, starting at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The message on Wednesday night will be brought by Rev. Jeff Pearson with music by New Vision Choir; on Thursday, June 7th by Rev. Rasheem Clarida with music by the New Revivals and on Friday, June 8th by Rev. Kendall Thurman with music by the New Generations Choir. The celebration will close out on Sunday, June 10th at 10:45 a.m. with Rev. Perry Frink bringing the message.

The church will hold its Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 11th - Friday, June 15th, 2018 nightly at 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Our theme is "Follow the Leader" with classes for all ages. Dinner will be served nightly.

Mt. Zion AME Church will celebrate its annual Father's Day program on Sunday, June 17th at 11:00 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Daniel Webb, Assistant Pastor of St. Luke AME Zion Church.

The Better St. Phillip A.M.E.Zion Church will hold its Men's Day program on Sunday, June 10th. Rev. Christopher Nixon will be the Men's Day Speaker at 3:00 p.m. Miracle Rock Ministries and he will be accompanied the Praise Team... "Miracle Rock Praise Team". Also, there will be several groups to appear on the program, The Brown Town Male Choir, Leroy & Martha Brown of Wilmington, N.C., Mt. Holly Baptist Combined Choir of he Wrightsboro. On Saturday, June 16th wthe church will hold their Annual Crab & Fish Fest all you can eat on our vacant lot next to our church located at 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. in the Wrightsboro Community from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more details, you may call Sis. Ashley Hall 910-540-4250 or Sis. Dentrall Boykin 910-200-4953. If it rain, our make up day will be June 30th at the same time and place. On Sunday, June 17th at 11:00 a.m. St. Phillip celebrate Father's Day! The guest speaker for the morning will be Bro. Raymond Mott of Wilmington, N.C. He will be accompanied by other guests and the Mass Choir of St. Phillip will accompany him.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will hold its annual Vacation Bible School from Wednesday, June 13th- Friday, June 15th from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. On Sunday, June 17th the church will celebrate Men's Day at 11:00 a.m. Reginald Moore of Raleigh, NC will deliver the celebration message.

Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries is now accepting gently used clothing donations and nonperishable food items. Drop off location is 1757 Stanley Rd., Supply, NC. Please call 910-294-0656, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Johnson, III for further information.

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Men's Day at Mt. Olive

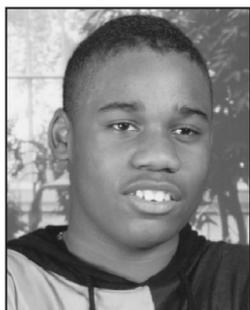
Mt. Olive's Men's Day activities are being celebrated on June 16th & 17th. On Saturday, June 16th at 3:00, the Temple Singers from Richlands, NC, along with soloists and other gospel singers will hold a Gospel Songfest and a program of Praise & Worship. This event will be followed by a heavy repast.

Sunday, June 17th, the celebration continues with Sunday School at 9:45. The Sons of Allen Male Choir and other men in the church will be in charge of the Worship

Service at 11:00 a.m.. After the service, the church will serve dinner to all who worship with us, along with Rev. Dorian Daniels and the members of St. Andrews AME Zion Church, including their choir and ushers, who will be rendering a special Father's Day Program at 3:30PM which will close out our Men's Day activities.

We extend an invitation to the entire community to all of the events. For further information, please contact George Hill at 910-231-3496.

In Loving Memory Of



Christopher Brooks Thomas
Sunrise: December 22, 1981
Sunset: June 8, 1997

Oh, what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day, I'm going home to my Jesus, everything's going my way.
I woke up this morning bright lights all around, church folk dancing and shouting, everybody getting down.
What is this place I asked?
I didn't have to ask it twice; an angel turned to me and said "Chris, you're in Paradise."
You're about to take journey, to nothing you can compare. You're in the arms of Jesus, there's happiness everywhere. Your time on earth with us is over; you've put away earthly things. The time has come and we're deeply saddened, but we know you've earned your wings.
You're in the arms of Jesus and we know you're safe with Him, you're left us who love you, so many precious memories. You have paved the way for each of us and now we must live a kind and gently life like you, with Jesus as our guide.
We know you will be there to greet us on our appointed dates. When it's our turn to join you in Heaven's pearly gates.
Chris, you were very special to me in so many ways. I'm hurting now, but I know God will see me through. I'll miss the talks we had and the letters too, but God has promised to comfort me and to keep me in His care. I'm already finding strength in knowing that not only were you special to me and all the family.
But most importantly,
YOU WERE EXTRA
SPECIAL TO GOD.

With love,
The Family

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Our birthday celebration

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The Son has shined on us once again and allowed us to meet at our fellowship meeting for the last day of this session. As usual we are glad to be here. We had a lot to talk about. It was also our birthday celebration. Our meeting was called to order by Mr. George Hill. The choir came forward and sang beautifully, as usual. They opened with

"My God is Real." Yes, God is truly real. Praise God! Prayer was given by Minister Sharon Pollock. Thank you for that uplifting prayer: We truly needed that prayer. Our next song was, "This Little Light of Mine." Just let your light shine everywhere you go. Let others see God in you. What a wonderful and glorious devotion this morning.

We were then entertained with a skit by Evelena Jennings. Members of our group performed. The skit

was Flight 309-Heaven Bound. The cast members were: Janice Gordon, Jackie McCants, Magdalene Johnson, Shirley Drye, Michelle Brooks, William Sidberry. The narrator was Frances Burney- Matthews and the pilot was Fannie Allen. Thanks to all the participants. We all love you!

All the birthday people received gifts and names were drawn for the rest of us. Birthdays for the months of April, May and June.

Blessing of our lunch was done by Minister Sharon Pollock. The lunch was catered by It's Beautiful. The meal was enjoyed by all. While enjoying our meal, we also had fellowship. Mrs. Gladys Taylor encouraged everyone to have a safe and blessed summer. Pray for each other and love each other. Let the work you do speak for you. To our readers we say be blessed until we meet again in September. There were 62 present.

Williston Alumni Association News

BY LINDA PEARCE THOMAS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The 4th of July holiday is fast-approaching, and the Williston Alumni Association is tying up loose ends in anticipation of the two events being held that week.

There is a new license plate that has been designed and will be on sale for \$15 during the holiday. They are different from the former ones and you must get an updated plate co with the completely new design.

In response to an overwhelming request for tickets, we have made the decision to

have Barbara Adger Devane issue tickets if mailing a check is too cumbersome or difficult for some. She may be reached at 910-200-6573 if you will call her between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. She will have tickets for you to purchase. We still advise persons to send a check to WAA, P.O. Box 2, Wilmington, N C, 28402 and get your ticket in the mail. The last day tickets will be mailed out on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. The Williston buns will be available at the Mix for \$2 each. The Mix starts at 10:00 a.m. I can assure you they will be gone by 10:20, if not before.

Our commemorative program starts promptly at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 4th of July on the grounds of Williston. We have a tent and seats to make everyone as comfortable as possible. Please dress in light clothes as it has the potential to be very warm. A special program is being designed, including renditions from the Williston Alumni Community Choir. You won't want to miss this figurative trip down the halls of Williston. We are looking for a volunteer to recite as much as they can remember of the Prologue to the Canterbury Tales, in Old English, of course. We know

you've been waiting for a half a century to use this knowledge you received while at Williston. Well, this will be your chance.

If anyone has a food truck who is interested in selling at the event, please call Loretta Stackhouse as soon as possible at 910-200-9102. There will be 200 persons at Williston for four hours. If interested, please respond asap.

We are excited about seeing everybody next month. We've got an opening show that starts at 7:00 p.m. that we think you will like before the Legacy Motown Revue begins at 8:00 p.m. See you soon!

TELL SOMEBODY

"Ministering to the Lord"

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

Faint -Exhausted, lacking strength; to lose spirit or courage

So many of the servants of the Lord are truly going through tests, trials, and tribulations in the course of executing their jobs as servants of the Most High God. There are many battles to fight and many victories to win, but somewhere between the battles and the victories, there are mountains, hills, and valleys. Fainting is not a topic of discussion we like to have, but we all admittedly have gotten weary sometimes.... in the course of standing strong and doing what is right in the sight of the Lord.

Being a servant of the Lord entitles us to know him in the power of his resurrection and also in the fellowship of his suffering. Yes, the joy of the Lord is our strength, but we are not exempt from the experience gained through suffering in the will of God, as the power of God rests upon us! II Timothy 3:12 says, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

There are times that the Servant of the Lord may dutifully encourage others, while asking Lord, "who will encourage me?" Many times,

we have to do like David did, and encourage ourselves in order to not faint during our fiery trials. Proverbs 24:10 says, "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small." For this reason, Jesus told his disciples in Luke 18:1 that, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint."

The Bible says that we have an adversary and he goes to and fro seeking whom he may devour. He loves to devour those who are called Christians. He loves to kill, steal, and destroy the anointed and the appointed. He tries to wear out the Saints to render us helpless and ineffective in the work of the ministry. We are not ignorant of his devices and we know that the devil has a plot, but GOD has a plan!!! "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." When we wait upon the Lord. When we serve the Lord. When we worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. When we get in His presence, He will renew our strength.

We are human and we all

need to be renewed, refreshed, or revived from time to time! Yes, we are called to minister to others, and there will be times that we need to be ministered to. That spiritual replenishment will happen, when we get in his presence and minister to him.

Jesus said in Matthew 11: 28 - 30, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Yes, sometimes the Servant of the Lord may be facing doubt, dismay, and discouragement. The good news is....there is a way out!!! Sometimes our faith is tried in the fire, or it may be we are chosen in the furnace of affliction, yes....there is a way out!

David, a man characterized as being "after God's own heart" had to go through his own troubles and trials. He had foes and a host of enemies encamped around him. He said, "My heart shall not fear." David almost fainted, but these are the words of his testimony. "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: be of good

courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say on the Lord."

There are many who grew impatient, and didn't wait on the Lord. Now they are reaping the consequences of their decision to go before the Lord instead of waiting. Please don't let that be your story, "I wish I had waited". Servant of the Lord, as you minister to the Lord, he will minister to you. Be healed, be set free, be delivered in Jesus' Name. Then, Tell Somebody!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International.

She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

Mt. Nebo to hold 32nd Anniversary Celebration for Reverend Richard Smith



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
PASTOR RICHARD SMITH AND FIRST LADY GWENDOLYN SMITH

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church celebrate their pastor's 32nd Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Reverend Richard W. Smith on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 10:45 a.m. Reverend Jimmy Willis, Sr., a member of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church will be bring the message.


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Black women are changing the tide of American politics

BY JEFFREY L. BONEY
NNPA NEWSWIRE
CONTRIBUTOR

Recently, the world witnessed something that had never been done before in the history of politics in the United States.

Not only did Democratic voters in Georgia elect a 44-year-old African American candidate as the first-ever Black gubernatorial nominee in the state, they also made history by electing the first Black woman to be a major party nominee for governor in the United States.

That's right—former Georgia House Minority Leader and attorney Stacey Abrams soundly defeated her opponent, former State Rep. Stacey Evans, with an overwhelming 53 percent landslide victory; Abrams won 76.5 percent of the vote compared to Evans' 23.5 percent. Abrams will face off against the winner of the Republican primary runoff election that will be held in July between Georgia's Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle and Secretary of State Brian Kemp.

While much of the political conversation around the country has been focused on the success of women candidates as a whole, one of the primary reasons for Abrams' dominant showing in the Democratic primary was the high turnout of Black voters, particularly Black women voters.

The convincing victory by Abrams, a rising star in the Democratic Party, has created a significant amount of chatter in political circles about the growing success Black women candidates are having across the country, particularly in a deeply southern state like Georgia that hasn't had a Democratic governor since

2003.

"I am a proud daughter of the Deep South," Abrams stated during her victory speech after winning the Georgia Democratic gubernatorial nomination. "To claim our victory, to write that next chapter and live those best lives, we have a lot of work to do. We have to reach out to those who do not believe their voices matter. Who have been disappointed again and again by promises made and never kept...With your help, we will register every last person we know."

Abrams continued: "And we're going to search out those we don't know yet and prove they matter to us, too...In the Book of Esther, there's a verse that reminds us that we were born for such a time as this. And now is a time to defend our values and protect the vulnerable—to stand in the gap and to lead the way...that is what we will continue to do—all the way to victory in November."

A victory by Abrams in November would truly be a game changer relative to politics, as we know it, in the Deep South and across the country.

Prior to 2003, no Republican had ever served as governor in Georgia since Reconstruction. Republican George "Sonny" Perdue III changed that after he was elected and then sworn in on January 13, 2003. Perdue served until 2011, and the governorship in Georgia has remained in Republican control ever since.

Then, if you take a look at the rest of the Deep South, which consists of states like Texas, Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, each of those states currently has a Republican governor at the helm, with the exception of Louisiana, where former

Democratic state legislator John Bel Edwards was sworn in as governor in 2016.

Abrams has a chance to change the overall landscape of politics as we know it, but it will take more than having her name on the ballot as the Democratic nominee in Georgia to make that a reality—it will require engaging existing Black voters and focusing on getting newly registered Black voters to the polls in November.

Abrams has adopted a strategy focused on registering new Black voters and engaging more Blacks to come out to the polls and vote in November 2018 than came out in 2014, when only 40 percent of African Americans went to the polls in Georgia, compared to roughly 48 percent of Whites.

If recent history is any indication, the only way the tides will turn in the favorable direction Democrats hope for relative to the key gubernatorial seats that are up for grabs in battleground states this November, is if there is a heavy Black voter turnout—something the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) has been focused on in 2018.

The NNPA, a trade group that represents over 200 Black-owned media companies across the U.S., recently launched an initiative to encourage 5 million new Black voters to register to vote before the midterm elections, with the hopes of ensuring candidates like Abrams cross the finish line victoriously.

"The NNPA views the electoral victory of Stacey Abrams as the Democratic candidate for Governor of Georgia as one of the most important political advances for the interests of

Black America, since President Barack H. Obama was elected," said Dr. Benjamin Chavis, Jr., president and CEO of the NNPA. "In particular, Black women are now the effective vanguard in statewide and local elections across the U.S. The win by Abrams in Georgia is also timely as the NNPA has called upon 5 million more Black Americans to register to vote before the November 2018 midterm elections."

Abrams will need that increase in Black voter turnout to add her name to the list of Black women, who are changing the landscape of politics across the country.

According to a recent report by the Higher Heights Leadership Fund and the Center for American Women and Politics titled "The Chisholm Effect: Black Women in American Politics 2018," Black women only make up 3.6 percent of the U.S. Congress and less than one percent of statewide elected executive officials. Only 38 other Black women have served in Congress since Shirley Chisholm's groundbreaking victory in 1968, when she became the first Black woman elected to the U.S. Congress.

Relative to statewide elected executive offices, only three (3) Black women currently serve in a statewide office—Jenean Hampton (R-Ky.), the Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky; Sheila Oliver (D-N.J.), the Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey; and Denise Nappier (D-Conn.), the State Treasurer of Connecticut. Together, these women represent 4.2 percent (3 of 71) of all women statewide elected executive officials and 0.96 percent (3 of 312) of all statewide elected executive officials in the entire country.



STACEY ABRAMS

Going even further, only 12 Black women have ever held statewide elected executive office in just 11 out of the 50 states, and prior to Abrams' historic quest to become the next governor of Georgia, no Black woman has ever been elected governor, let alone become the gubernatorial nominee of a major political party. Abrams may be just the person to change things.

Abrams has become a major catalyst behind this exciting new trend of Black women running for office nationally, and a lot of her momentum should trickle down to other seats on a local level.

Still, many of these Black women who decide to run for office need the support of the Democratic Party, who historically has a pretty dismal track record of providing support for African American candidates nationwide and

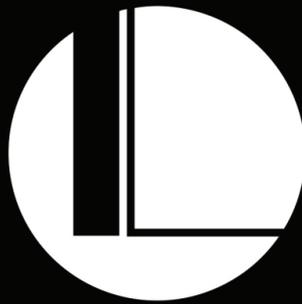
at the local level.

Maybe this time will be different. Time will tell. November to be exact. Stay tuned.

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Is the NFL's New National Anthem policy legal?

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Protesters held a rally in front of the National Football League's New York City headquarters on May 25 after the league announced new rules that punish players who don't stand for the national anthem.

Tamika Mallory said that the NFL owners were acting as a "proxy for a fascist president" and that the new policy was an attempt to "resurrect slavery in the 21st century" and punish Black players. The kneeling protests started when former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick began sitting during the anthem and then kneeling as a protest against police brutality.

"What is being said is that the n-gas don't have basic rights," Mallory said. "And I want to say today that Ida B. Wells, Dr. Martin Luther King, Marcus Garvey, the four little girls in Birmingham are turning over in their graves right now about the disrespect, the disgrace, that is happening in this country."

Mallory continued: "If we, as Black people, lay down and allow this system to continue to oppress us, we are the ones to be held responsible."

Civil rights activist and author of "The Revolt of the Black Athlete" Harry Edwards told USA TODAY that the NFL's new national anthem policy was "the dumbest move possible."

"They put the protest movement on blast," Edwards said. "They just created a bigger stage than ever."

In a recent commentary for Vox.com, Harvard Law School labor professor Benjamin Sachs wrote: "This new league policy is meant to enforce a particular vision of patriotism, one that involves compliance rather than freedom of expression."

Sachs wrote that the new anthem policy was illegal—for a host of reasons.

"The clearest illegality derives from the fact that the league adopted its new policy without bargaining with the players union," Sachs wrote. "When employees, including football players, are represented by a union, the employer—including a football league—can't change the terms of employment without discussing the change with the union. Doing so is a flagrant violation of the employer's duty to bargain in good faith."



PHOTO BY FREDDIE ALLEN/AMG/NNPA
Civil rights activist Tamika Mallory says that the new NFL national anthem policy was an attempt to "resurrect slavery in the 21st century." Mallory returned to NFL headquarters on May 25 to speak about the new policy. In this photo, Mallory speaks during a 2017 protest at NFL headquarters.

ESPN.com reported that President Donald Trump supported the NFL's policy that requires players to stand for the national anthem or remain in the locker room, during an interview with Fox News.

"I think that's good," Trump said. "I don't think people should be staying in locker rooms, but still I think it's good. You have to stand proudly for the national anthem or you shouldn't be playing, you shouldn't be there. Maybe you shouldn't be in the country."

Many players have already indicated that they are not happy with the new rule.

In a statement released on Twitter, Philadelphia Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins wrote: "While I disagree with this decision, I will not let it silence me or stop me from fighting. The national conversation around race in America that NFL players forced over the past 2 years will persist as we continue to use our voices, our time and our money to create a more fair and just criminal justice system, end police brutality and foster better educational and economic opportunities for communities of color and those struggling in this country."

In an interview with ESPN, Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin called the president "an idiot...plain and simple."

"I respect the man because he's a human being, first and foremost. But he's just being

more divisive, which is not surprising. It is what it is," Baldwin said. "For him to say that anyone who doesn't follow his viewpoints or his constituents' viewpoints should be kicked out of the country, it's not very empathetic, it's not very American-like, actually to me. It's not very patriotic. It's not that this country was founded upon."

Baldwin continued: "It's kind of ironic to me that the president of the United States is contradicting what our country is really built on."

In his Vox.com commentary about the NFL's new national anthem policy, Sachs wrote that now that the owners have made it a workplace rule to stand during the anthem or stay in the locker room, any player who takes the field and takes a knee is protesting an employer rule.

That protest, Sachs said, "is unquestionably protected by federal labor law."

The NFL pre-season begins in August.

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Frankie Roberts, Ancillary Administrator
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This the 31st day of May, 2018

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Patricia Ann Dempsey Garrabrant
Administrator of the Estate of James Edward Shepherd Dempsey
File #: 18-E-591

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POB 999
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Carol S. Moore**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **31st day of August, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 31st day of May, 2018.

Elizabeth M. Schaffer, Executrix of the Estate of Carol S. Moore
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18 CVD 1366**

ABBY FARE BOYETTE V. STEPHEN VAN BOYETTE, JR.

TO: STEPHEN VAN BOYETTE, JR., DEFENDANT

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief as follows: Complaint for absolute divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty(40) days after the first date of publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to this Court for the relief sought.

This the 31st day of May, 2018

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May 31, June 7, 14, 2018

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 JT 112**

IN THE MATTER OF: A.F.C. (DOB: 07/24/2015)

TO: ARLEASE CROMARTIE

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor female child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, June 7, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking relief against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

You have been assigned Attorney Alexis Perkins. Attorney Perkins may be contacted at (910) 343-5415, PO Box 2560, Wilmington, NC 28402.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018**, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 7th day of June, 2018.

Regina Floyd-Davis
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **James Franklin Hughes**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **31st day of August, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 31st day of May, 2018

Marsha Hughes Humphreys, Executrix
147 Horne Place Drive
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May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2018

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 14 JT 4**

IN THE MATTER OF: J.M. J. (DOB: 02/20/2011)

TO: RESPONDENTS: KIYANA JOHNSON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MALE CHILD BORN IN ORLANDO, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA TO KIYANA JOHNSON

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Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

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Attorney Alexis Perkins has been appointed to represent Kiyana Johnson, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **JULY 9, 2018**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

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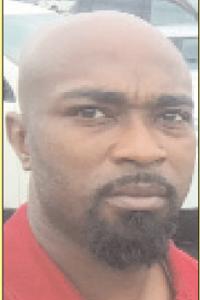
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